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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY EVALUATION PLAN - PART B

1. EMBASSY CONSIDERS TEXT OF PART B AS STATED IN DRAFT RECEIVED WITH MISCH/WILLNER LETTER APPROPRIATE. WE AGREE THAT THE PUNITIVE OPTIONS CITED ENTAIL RISKS, AND THAT JUDICIOUS MODULATION OF PRESSURES OF THE SORT ALREADY APPLIED, CIMBINED WITH QUIET DIPLOMACY, REMAIN APPROACH MOST LIKELY TO HAVE DESIRED EFFECT. OUR EFFORTS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN REALIZATION THAT UNITED STATES LEVERAGE IN KOREA IS LIMITED AND CONSTANTLY DECREASING AS ROK ENHANCES ITS STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE, OVERPLAYING OUR HAND CARRIES CONSTANT DANGER OF AROUSING NATIONALISTIC SENTIMENTS ON BEHALF OF PRACTICES WE OPPOSE.

2. PAGE 20 - MORE REALISTIC TIME FRAME FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES WOULD BE 12 MONTHS AND 18 MONTHS FOR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES.

3. FOLLOWING MINOR MODIFICATIONS ARE OFFERED FOR DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION:

A. PAGE 24, IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF DISCUSSION, LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ: "...THE KOREAN
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GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RESPONDING GRADUALLY TO OUR EFFORTS EVEN SINCE THE ESCALATION OF THE PAK TONG-SUN AFFAIR".

B. PAGE 25, LAST SENTENCE - DISSENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE WHATEVER COURSE PAK ADOPTS: ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST REARRANGING SENTENCE TO READ: "DISSENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN ANY EVENT, AND AS LONG AS PAK

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REMAINS ON HIS PRESENT COURSE, RESTRICTIONS AND SANCTIONS
...".

C. PAGE 26 - ADD TO FINAL SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "...
STANDARDS WHICH WE FEEL KOREA CAN AND SHOULD OBSERVE,
AND AVOID AROUSING NATIONALIST SENTIMENT ON BEHALF OF
CURRENT SYSTEM, AS BASIC SHIFTS ...".

D. PAGE 32, LINE 1, MODIFY TO READ: "KOREAN POLITICS
HAVE NOT BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A READY TENDENCY TO
COMPROMISE".
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